

William
Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Teachers should be held in high public esteem, reflecting the value the South Dakota PTA community and other places have on public education; and,

WHEREAS, Our democratic system of government depends on a strong, effective system of free public school education for all children and you - teachers are integral to the public school system; and,

WHEREAS, Teachers nationwide are better educated than ever before, with 49% holding a master's degree or better; and,

WHEREAS, Teachers are generally underpaid; and, the South Dakota PTA and the National PTA recognize that a shortage of teachers could occur in the 1990's; and,

WHEREAS, There is reported to be 8,020 FTE teaching positions in South Dakota's public schools accounting for an even larger number of actual teachers; and,

WHEREAS, Teachers, along with parents, promote the education, health and well-being of children in the home, school and community; secure adequate laws for the protection of children and youth; strengthen home-school cooperation; and improve the schools that children attend; and,

WHEREAS, The "T" - meaning teacher - is the PTA's middle name; and,

WHEREAS, The PTA recognizes the importance of the teaching profession, and sponsors special programs to give recognition to excellence in teaching; and,

WHEREAS, Since the founding of the National PTA in 1897 and the South Dakota PTA in 1915, teachers have been an integral part of the nationwide and statewide organization - representing a 9,300 member child advocacy association in South Dakota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, wish to recognize the importance of teachers in our state by proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 1987; as

PTA TEACHERS' APPRECIATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

ATTEST:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty Third Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR